

**The Claims Currently Pending**

1. (Currently amended) An intraocular lens system, comprising:
  - a) a ring-like base component having a hollow center, a plurality of haptics and a plurality of slots;
  - b) an optical component having a plurality of integrally formed tabs, the tabs sized and spaced to fit and lock within the slots in the base component by rotation of the tabs within the slots ~~during compression of the base component~~; and
  - c) a plurality of posterior circumferential rings formed on a posterior surface of the base component
2. (Original) The lens system of claim 1 wherein the base component is opaque.
3. (Original) The lens system of claim 1 wherein the base component is stiff relative to the optical component.
4. (Currently amended) An intraocular lens system, comprising:
  - a) a ring-like base component having a hollow center, a plurality of haptics and a plurality of slots, the base component being opaque;
  - b) an optical component having a plurality of integrally formed tabs, the optical component being soft relative to the base component and the tabs being sized and spaced to fit and lock within the slots in the base component by rotation of the tabs within the slots ~~during compression of the base component~~; and
  - c) a plurality of posterior circumferential rings formed on a posterior surface of the base component.

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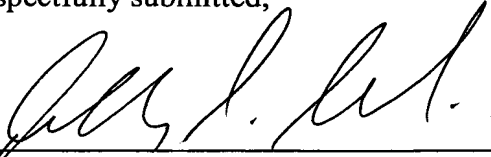
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Applicant requests that claims 1-4 be allowed and that a patent containing these claims issue in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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